

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An injectable composition of higher residual effect with reduced detrimental effects such as pain at injection site, swelling, tissue irritancy or necrosis and containing as active principle a tetracycline compound, either as the free base or a salt thereof with a physiologically acceptable acid, complexed with a substantially equimolar amount of a magnesium compound, is solubilized in a water miscible solvent system comprising, either (i) a) glycerol formal in an amount of from about 10 to 50% v/v; with b) polyethylene glycol in an amount of from about 1 to 15% v/v; or (ii) from about 25 to about 75% v/v of N-methylpyrrolidone, the composition optionally containing a pH modifier in an amount sufficient to maintain a physiochemically acceptable pH, the balance being made up with water q.s.

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